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THAT TURKISH BRIGADE WILL BE WITHDRAWN

ATHENS NEWS MEDIA REPORTED WIDELY TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF 1000 TURKISH TROOPS FROM CYPRUS. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS VIEWED ANNOUNCEMENT AS TURKISH ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE POSSIBLE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID ON FEBRUARY 5. HEADLINES, TAILORED TO DEGREE TO POLITICAL BIAS OF NEWSPAPER CONCERNED, WERE AS FOLLOWS: "WITHDRAWAL MOCKERY ANNOUNCED BY ANKARA--IT WITHDRAWS 1,000 SOLDIERS", (VRADYNI); "AFTER REPEATED PROVOCATION ANKARA NOW WITHDRAWS--BOTH IN AEGEAN AND IN CYPRUS," (TA NEA); "TRICKS OF ANKARA--THE DEPARTURE OF 1,000 TROOPS FROM CYPRUS," (TO VIMA); "KISSINGER-ANKARA COLLUSION--TURKEY WILL PULL OUT 1,000 SOLDIERS FROM CYPRUS--TO PREVENT SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AID," (AKROPOLIS WHICH IDENTICAL WITH RIZOSPASTIS); AND "IN VIEW OF FEBRUARY 5 KISSINGER SEES SOME PROGRESS IN PROBLEM OF CYPRUS--TURKEY WITHDRAWS 1,000 DOLDIERS," (KATHIMERINI). ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR APPEARED IN ESTIA WHICH ASKED RHETORICALLY WHY TURKEY NEEDED A MONTH (SIC) TO WITHDRAW 1,000 SOLDIERS WHEN IT COULD WITHDRAW 10,000 TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEES IN ONE WEEK.

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